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WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

BUDGET LISTENING SESSIONS ARE DONE

Yesterday, the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) wrapped up our final budget listening session for the 2021-23 biennial budget, with a virtual format hearing.

Interesting Fact: The state's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. The budget we're working on right now will impact the second half of 2021, all of 2022, and the first half of 2023.

Thank you so much to anyone who chose to participate in these sessions, your feedback is extremely valuable.

What's next?

JFC will meet many times over the next couple months to vote on whether or not certain provisions are included in the budget.

The budget is due by the end of June, in order to start the new fiscal year on July 1st, but that due date isn't a hard deadline.

When the federal government doesn't pass their spending bill on time, the entire operation shuts down. When the state government doesn't pass their budget on time, they continue to function on the fiscal levels from the previous biennium.

Once the budget is passed by both houses (Assembly & Senate), the Governor will have the options to pass it in its entirety, veto it in its entirety, or pass it and line item veto certain provisions.

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GOVERNOR EVERS' RECENT VETOES

Governor Evers' vetoed a number of bills last week that would have been good for the Northwoods.

Because of the latest COVID-19 package from the federal government, Governor Evers is set to receive \$3.2 billion to use as he pleases. The Legislature passed 11 bills with ideas on how he could spend that money - every one of them was vetoed. Here are some of those proposals:

\$1 Billion: Aid to Households
\$500 Million: Broadband Expansion
\$308.5 Million: Local Roads
\$100 Million: Economic Assistance for Rural Wisconsin
\$275 Million: Economic Assistance for Small Businesses
\$68.2 Million: Emergency Medical Services & Mental Health

Some of these provisions that were vetoed were in the Governor's proposed budget. **What's the difference then?** Our proposal would use federal one-time funding to make huge investments in the people of Wisconsin - freeing up state funds (based on annual revenues) to pay for ongoing costs that will continue to be present year after year.

The Governor is planning on releasing his plans for the funding in the coming weeks.

The Legislature also passed a bill that would prohibit the Department of Health Services and Local Public Health Officers from requiring you to get the COVID-19 vaccine or any future variant.

This legislation was also vetoed.

DISTRICT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to see your event here, please send them to Sen.Felzkowski@legis.wi.gov.

May 1st: Crivitz Spring Craft Vendor Show - Crivitz
May 1st: 1st Annual Grand Opening PROCAR & AUTOPRO Car Show - Oconto Falls
May 5th: 16th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference - Florence
May 8th: Merrill Gun Show - Merrill
May 9th: Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast - Florence
May 17th-21st: Hodag Heritage Days - Rhinelander
May 21st-22nd: SXS Sports Spring National UTV Race - Lena
May 29th: 5th Annual Manitowish Waters Boat & Car Show - Manitowish Waters
May 30th: Main Street Memories Car Show - Tomahawk
June 25th: Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show - Minocqua



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FISHING OPENER COMING UP ON MAY 1ST

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anglers that the 2021-2022 fishing season will open May 1, without any changes to season dates. All regulations and license requirements still apply.

As anglers head out to their favorite fishing locations, please remember:

- Always wear life jackets
- Practice safe and sober boat operations
- Release fish responsibly
- Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by removing plants and animals from your boat before and after launching, draining all water from compartments, and never move live fish away from any waterbody.

Check out the following forecasts below:

[Northern Pike Forecast](#)

[Walleye Forecast](#)

[Largemouth Bass Forecast](#)

[Smallmouth Bass Forecast](#)

[Brown Trout Forecast](#)

[Rainbow Trout Forecast](#)

[Coho Salmon Forecast](#)

[Spring Catchable Trout Forecast](#)

Good luck to all of the anglers!

ELECTION BILLS THAT HAVE PASSED IN THE SENATE

As of today, the Wisconsin State Senate has passed the following bills relating to elections:

SB207: Prohibits any municipality from applying for or receiving grants or donations from outside groups (what happened in Brown County and elsewhere). If Wisconsin receives monies, they must be distributed on a per-capita basis. It requires ballot tabulators to take an oath and prohibits campaign staff from working as poll workers.

SB208: Requires the Wisconsin Elections Commission to post their meeting minutes on their website within 24 hours.

SB210: Creates standards for election officials and observers.

SB211: Creates a standardized form for requesting an absentee ballot.

SB213: Allows District Attorneys in adjacent counties to prosecute fraud (the Waukesha County DA could charge someone for fraud in Milwaukee County)

And then the following three bills that deal with a multitude of issues: **SB178**, **SB179**, and **SB180**

All of these bills must still pass through the Assembly and be signed by Governor Evers.

A number of additional elections bills are still being worked on.

